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NEW AND ADDITIONAL VARIETIES.

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Did it ever occur to you gentle reader, that a great many nurserymen, who annually sell thousands of trees, have scarcely a single specimen, much less a bearing orchard on their place? Yet such is often the case. Buds and grafts are taken indiscriminately from young nursery stock without ever waiting to know if it is true to name; they go on from year to year in the same way and it seems almost a wonder that they ever can sell trees which will prove true to name or profit to the buyer. It seems to me in order to have every variety *absolutely pure* the propagator ought to have bearing orchards not only to bud from, but to show his customers what to plant and to aid them in making their selections. My orchards and nurseries are open for inspection at all times and if intending purchasers will visit them in fruiting season most of the varieties herein mentioned may be seen, I make it a point to propagate from nothing except it be first class in every respect.

Every variety of peaches in my nursery the past season with three exceptions were badded from trees upon which I have seen the fruit; the Peninsula Yellow was obtained from the originator and the Prize and Fox's Seedling were obtained of two very reliable growers. In making this claim I think the majority of growers will agree with me that the general run of nurserymen cannot say as much. As previously stated, Prof. Erwin F. Smith of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has thoroughly examined my orchards and nursery as well as all the principal orchards in this section and failed to find a single case of "yellows" in any of them. As farther evidence that my trees are exceptionally healthy I may state that I have two orchards, one 28 years old and one 24 years old which were loaded with peaches the past season up to August 1st when the heavy rains prevailing at that time destroyed a large portion of them. My stock of trees this season will be found to be exceptionately fine in every respect and I will be pleased to have intending purchasers examine it before buying elsewhere. Trees will be graded as "Extra" 5 to 7 feet high and $\frac{5}{8}$ inch caliper; "First-class" 4 to 5 feet high and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch caliper; "Medium" 3 to 4 feet high $\frac{3}{8}$ inch caliper and "Second Class" 2 to 3 feet high some a little crooked, I state this for inexperienced persons for I have had men to deal with who knew so

little about a tree as not to know it always has a crook where budded. I never substitute for I take it for granted a variety would not have been ordered unless it was wanted, but when a grade is ordered that I may be out of at shipping time I take the privilege of substituting another grade of the same variety. This can cause no harm as I only charge in proportion to grade sent. I am not in the nursery business for *pleasure* and I expect to sell stock at such prices as will leave a fair profit, consequently my stock is not in competition with quantities of "cheap stuff" always on the market, for any price you choose to pay. When a man buys my stock I want him to feel just as satisfied in his own mind as I am in mine, that it is just as represented and when he needs more, he will not be afraid to come again for it. The first cost of a tree is very little in comparison to the after damage you receive if it proves spurious. Better pay a fair price and be sure of getting a variety true to name than have unreliable stock given to you.

WILSON.—I would hesitate to introduce to the fruit growers of the country another new variety of the peach (for we are already burdened with so many varieties that there would seem to be enough to supply all wants, and yet there are not) if I were not thoroughly convinced that it is certainly superior and very much so to anything we have at present of the same season. Last summer one of my budders called my attention to a peach grown in his section which, from what he said, seemed to possess such sterling qualities that in company with Col. E. L. Martin, I immediately drove to see it and was so struck with its large size and fine appearance and great bearing quantities that I secured a supply of buds at once. I could not find out its origin except that the party had bought some Reeve's Favorite and in them were several trees of this peach totally unlike anything grown here or that we have any knowledge of. It is not an untried seedling like a good many new peaches, which only sustain their reputation for a year or so after which they decline, but the trees must be at least 20 or more years old. It is large to very large, yellow with a red cheek which predominates, a free stone of delicious quality and exceptionately productive on poor, sandy soil, vigorous growth and time of ripening, will make it take a front rank with peach growers. No one finds any fault with the well known Reeves' Favorite, except it is a shy bearer unless planted on a rich clay soil. Now the Wilson is equal to if not larger than Reeves' Favorite, is much more productive and ripens from four to five days in advance of it or nearly as soon as Crawfords Early. Growers cannot fail to appreciate its many good qualities; I don't propose to use any colored plates in disseminating it but will cheerfully send a sample to all who may wish to see it for themselves as I think this the fairest way. Where it originated it has heretofore been known as the "Cleveland" but there being a red peach of Maryland origin by the same name and fearing the two might conflict, I have named it after the man on whose farm it originated. I have only a small supply don't expect it to last long and would advise anyone wishing trees to give their orders early for everyone should test this new peach. It will surely be in demand when its good qualities are better known.

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✓ **MOORE'S FAVORITE.**—Somewhat larger, a few days earlier and not so productive as Old Mixon otherwise it cannot be distinguished from it, usually included in standard lists.

✓ **CHINESE CLING.**—An extra large and very beautiful Cling of a transparent whitish color, a good bearer and a delicious peach; ripens with Old Mixon.

✓ **WHEELER'S LATE YELLOW.**—Equal to Crawford's Late in size, quality and beauty and three times as productive. In fact the trees of this variety right along side Crawford's Late in the same orchard were so much more productive that I would recommend all growers to plant it for profit.

✓ **PRIZE.**—Large yellow with red cheek considered same as Brandywine by some growers and ripens same season. A beautiful peach coming just after Crawford's Late. Originated with James T. Shallcross, Middletown, Del.

✓ **SHIPLEY'S LATE RED.**—Originated at Embay Hock, Del. Medium to large red and white, red at seed, very productive, an early bearer and profitable Ripens with Fox Seedling.

✓ **HUSTON'S SEEDLING.**—A new red free stone peach, which Mr. George Huston, of Reliance, Md., got me to bud for him last year. The fruit ripens with Stump, is much smoother, one-third larger and much better colored. No trees for sale.

✓ **NEW APPLE.—THE FONVILLE.**—This new winter apple bore its first crop with me last season. It is of fairly large size, red and green striped, bears young and abundantly is a good grower and last but not least it is a first-class keeper. As it comes from the South its keeping qualities can be relied on. Price 50 cents each.

✓ **CANNON.**—Not the correct name but having been obtained of C. W. Cannon who has forgotten its real name. I have given it the above. The fruit is very large, greenish in color, some times a brown cheek, ripens late in the Fall, good quality, first-class, in all respects. Price 50 cts. each.

✓ **KERNOODLES WINTER.**—A new winter apple from North Carolina of beautiful appearance and large size, red and yellow striped. Said to excell the well-known Shockley of the south in size and quality and equally as good a keeper. Price 50 cents each.

✓ **NEW STRAWBERRYS.—MICHEL'S EARLY.**—From Arkansas. Said to be earlier and much superior to Crescent in every respect. Have never fruited it but from claims made I judge it is very fine. Price \$2.00 per 100. \$10.00 per 1000.

✓ **GANDY.**—The very latest strawberry. Large size, good quality, vigorous grower and moderately productive. Price \$3.00 per 1000.

✓ **GYPSEY.—NEW.**—From Felton, Del. Where it has created a great stir among strawberry growers. Of large size, good quality, very firm, early as the earliest, a vigorous grower and a first class berry in every respect. Everyone who knows it is planting it largely. Price \$2.50 per 1000. \$20.00 per 10,000.

I can also furnish Pear, Plums, Cherry, Quince and Apricot trees and Grape Vines when ordered. Varieties and prices on application.

CHARLES WRIGHT, SEAFORD, DEL.

Every Fruit Grower should plant the "Wilson," the best early, and the "Wonderful," the best late yellow peaches.